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It's a Hated Sales Tax in B.C.: Poll

Animosity toward HST is 'palpable' in British Columbia compared to Ontario, says Angus Reid poll Study finds Ontarians less critical of their government

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British Columbians and Ontarians were hit with the HST on the same day, but the negative reaction to the combined tax is "more consistent and deeper" here than out east, according to an Angus Reid poll released on Thursday.

"The (B.C.) public is almost universal in panning the way the tax was implemented."
ANGUS REID STUDY

In Ontario, 12 per cent of respondents supported the tax, while in B.C., only three per cent were supportive.

In B.C., 75 per cent of people polled said the Liberals did "very badly" in justifying the new harmonized tax, compared to 45 per cent in Ontario.

FOR COVERAGE ON HOW BRITISH COLUMBIANS HAVE ADJUSTED THEIR SHOPPING HABITS, SEE PAGE 6

PNE. Calories

▶ Alex Kostenko reacts to tasting the deep-fried butter at the PNE on Thursday evening.

How do you top butter? Deep-fry it

It's the final weekend to enjoy the 100th edition of the Fair at PNE, which continues to introduce unusual and delicious treats. Following the philosophy that everything deep-fried tastes fantastic, deep-fried butter can be had with powdered sugar or chocolate sauce. For more on the odd and iconic treats at the PNE, see page 8.

Gulf Coast

Another oil platform explodes

No deaths in 2nd such blast in area in months Despite initial report of oil sheen, U.S. Coast Guard says there was no sign of leak {page 12}

More flavour from less labour

Easy-to-follow burrito recipe yields delicious results {page 27}

Pot bears chow down in video gone viral

Man seen feeding docile animals dog food in online clip {page 2}

iPad's got new competition

Samsung debuts Galaxy Tab gizmo {page 14}

No paper on Labour Day

Metro won't publish Monday. We will return Tuesday.

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After targeting BlackBerry in security crackdown, India moves on to Skype and Google. Scan code for story.

SFU boasts Canada's first NCAA school

Simon Fraser University will become Canada's first NCAA school, the world's largest collegiate sports organization, when The Clan football team takes on the Western Oregon Wolves on Burnaby Mountain this weekend. SFU is in the process of joining the Great Northern Athletic Conference (Alaska to California and west to Montana) of the NCAA Division II. Its transition from the small-college National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) and the Canadian Interuniversity Sport (CIS) begins with Saturday's game at Fox Field.

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▶ Jas Gurm dances bhangra.

Dance bhangra at SFU

Students at Simon Fraser University will be able to learn bhangra for credit this fall, the university announced Thursday.

The course, which will explore the roots of the bhangra, is offered through SFU's new School for the Contemporary Arts at Woodward's. Students will learn bhangra moves, facial expressions and lyrical translations.

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Store. Go team

▶ Norm Quon, store associate at the new Canucks Team Store Outlet, holds up a $10 team T-shirt on Thursday.

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Canucks store opens its doors

The second Canucks Team Outlet Store opened its doors Thursday morning to a line of excited Vancouver fans stretching around the corner of East Hastings and Renfrew streets. Store associate Norm Quon said deals include $30 women's jerseys, and hoodies that start at $15.

Pot bears clip goes viral

◗ Man seen feeding dog food to black bears in property where grow-op found ◗ Plans to continue until animals hibernate

The grinning man with greying hair darts backwards as a black bear playfully paws at a green pail the man is hoisting before slopping out food for two of the hungry beasts.

"Hi, my name is Allen. I'm the guy in Christina Lake who's been feeding the bears," said Allen Piche in a video posted online.

The bears have become world famous after RCMP stumbled across the docile creatures as officers roamed fields of marijuana on a wooded property in British Columbia's southeast.

While Piche makes no mention of charges police laid against two adults in their 40s for the alleged grow-op, he calmly spoke of developments in the bears' livelihoods.

"(Conservation officers have) assured me now that we will not be killing any bears," he said in the video.

But B.C.'s environment minister on Thursday said he is concerned the video will set a bad example.

"The most disturbing thing about that video from my perspective is that it could create an impression with people watching the video that it's OK to feed wildlife like bears," Barry Penner said.

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Drive

The animals were initially going to be exterminated over fears they won't be able to feed on their own in the wild.

- **Internet** Online petition was started to "Save Bears Found in Drug Bust."
- **Fame** Actor Jason Priestley even offered a donation of $1,300.

Green program cutting hours, say hotel staff

Some Vancouver hotel workers rallied on Thursday against their employers' green program saying it's cutting down their hours.

They protested in front of the Westin Bayshore Hotel downtown.

The "Make a Green Choice" program, which was implemented earlier this summer, offers hotel guests a $5-voucher toward food and drinks if they forgo housekeeping services for the day.

The workers also said that when guests don't have their rooms cleaned daily, it takes them "two to three times longer to clean."

VANESSA YEE

'Surprised'

Greater Vancouver Hotel Employers Association's (GVHEA) chief negotiator, Eric Harris, said they were "surprised that the union has decided to stage yet more rallies." He said the GVHRA is offering hourly wage increases of 14.4 per cent over five years.

News in brief

Patients' private information may have been breached

HOSPITAL. The private information, including names and personal heath card numbers, of more than 600 patients may have been breached after the theft of a laptop computer from Burnaby General Hospital.

VANESSA YEE

Two in hospital after car plunges 12 metres

INCIDENT. Two people were hospitalized after their car hopped the curb and plunged about 12 metres (40 feet) down an excavation pit on Thursday. The incident happened at a construction site at Main Street and 31st Avenue.

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▶ Teitur Thordarson watches the B.C. Place renovations Thursday morning prior to his official signing as the coach of the Whitecaps FC MLS expansion team.

Whitecaps don't teeter, sign Teitur

Thordarson enjoyed an almost two-decade-long playing career, signing his first pro contract at age 17

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Whitecaps FC did not have to search far to find the man to lead their squad into its inaugural MLS season.

On Thursday, the team announced that Whitecaps FC coach Teitur Thordarson would continue at the helm in the 2011 season, the team's first in Major League Soccer.

Whitecaps president Bob Lenarduzzi praised the 58-year-old Icelander for his even-keel temperament and ability to motivate players without yelling.

Thordarson, he said, is also a great ambassador for a sport that is beloved around the world but still trying to sell itself to North American audiences.

He also joked that, with the signing, the club was forced to implement a ban on elaborate Icelandic-style goal celebrations (there are a several on YouTube — search for Stjarnan).

Thordarson joined the club in 2007. Despite capturing the USL-1 championship in his first season and making it to the final in his second, the former Estonian national team coach said he felt like he had to prove himself this season. "It's the same process for me as the players. We've been assessed all the way though. The team is performing and I think I'm a part of that."

68 In February 2000, Thordarson was awarded a medal from the president of Estonia for coaching the Estonian national team to 68th in FIFA world rankings, up from 145th.

Transit jam predicted for back-to-school rush

TransLink is reminding Vancouverites to give themselves extra time to get around next week as transit is expected to be packed with back-to-school and back-to-work commuters.

"The first couple of weeks of September are traditionally the busiest times for public transportation in Metro Vancouver," said TransLink spokesperson Ken Hardie.

"Class-time service" will return on most routes going to local colleges and universities.

"Literally thousands of students transfer each day from SkyTrain to buses at historical choke points like Commercial-Broadway, Broadway-City Hall and Production Way Stations," Hardie said.

"While it's not possible to add more buses on most routes, TransLink can now use larger buses in some areas."

▶ A trolley bus on Granville Street.

The No. 49 Metrotown/UBC will see 60-foot articulated buses at times during peak periods, made available when the Canada Line began service.

This frees up vehicles formerly used on the 98 B-Line and will help address some of the capacity issues on the busy route serving UBC and Langara.

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Changes

Other changes coming to transit routes:

- SkyTrain's Expo and Millennium Lines will have 48 new cars over last year.
- Some buses at the UBC Loop will load and unload at different bays to accommodate the additional articulated buses on the No. 49 route.
- The No. 15 Cambie will travel north on Granville Street prior to turning back via Pender for its southbound trip.
- The Capilano University exchange will be taken out of service and buses will begin and end their routes at Lillooet Road and Purcell Way.
- The No. 3 Main/Downtown will no longer travel into downtown but will turn off Hastings onto Seymour.

Watch for extra traffic next week: TV host

Breakfast Television traffic caster Michel McDermott said drivers should add "extra, extra time" to their morning commutes next week, because major arteries like Highway 1 and Lougheed Highway will be jam-packed.

"The big one is all the changes to Highway 1 from Langley to Vancouver. That's going to be a nightmare," she said.

McDermott added that drivers should also watch for construction from Pitt River Road to Colony Farm Road.

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Buses return to Granville Mall after holiday

The face of Granville Mall will be changing after Labour Day when bus service returns to the street after being removed four years ago. Trolley cables have been put back and the former Granville Street buses will be back in service.

This includes the No. 4 UBC/Downtown, No. 6 Davie/Downtown, No. 7 Nanaimo Station/Dunbar, No. 10 Hastings/Granville, No. 16 Arbutus/29th Ave. Station, No. 17 Oak/Downtown/UBC and No. 50 False Creek South/Waterfront Centre. METRO VANCOUVER

More schools taking part in U-Pass program

TransLink's U-Pass program continued to expand this school year with more schools eligible for the regional student-only transit pass.

Students at Capilano and Langara colleges will see the cost of their passes drop to $30 a month from $35.

Close to 80,000 students at UBC, SFU, Langara College and Capilano University can use their U-Passes on the bus, SeaBus and SkyTrain as well getting discounted fares on the West Coast Express.

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LIBERALS

Call for resignation due to mix-up: Hansen

B.C.'s finance minister says a call for his resignation from within the provincial Liberal party over his handling of the harmonized sales tax is the result of a misunderstanding and he won't be quitting any time soon.

Colin Hansen said Thursday he ironed out the disagreement with Jordan Bateman, the outgoing riding president for Housing and Social Development Minister Rich Coleman's Fort Langley-Aldergrove riding.

Bateman, a Langley councillor and local wedding chaplain, posted a blog entry Thursday calling for Hansen to quit after documents were released, revealing that Hansen's ministry bureaucrats were working on the HST file prior to the May 2009 election.

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Spending habits altered by HST: Poll

- More than 30 per cent of British Columbians say they've been 'severely' affected by the HST: Survey
- Liberals claim respondents are misinformed and aren't paying as much as they think

More than two-thirds of British Columbians say they've curbed their spending because of the HST, according to an Angus Reid poll released on Thursday.

Nearly 90 per cent of people in B.C. said they found dining out has become more expensive, and 67 per cent said their basic groceries had become pricier.

Sixty-three per cent said the added tax has made cellphone bills go up, and 29 per cent said children's clothes are now more expensive.

The province of B.C. responded to the poll with a statement saying some of the goods and services British Columbians claim to be more expensive are actually HST-exempt.

"Seventy-six per cent of people thought basic groceries were more expensive. There's no HST on basic groceries," said the release.

It added that tax on cellphone bills and children's clothing hasn't changed, either.

In Ontario, where the HST was introduced on the same day, the poll found that slightly more than half of respondents have changed their spending habits. KRISTEN THOMPSON

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

▶ A protester rallies against the HST on Georgia Street Aug. 8.

HST tweets

Metro asked followers on Twitter if they have altered their spending behaviour because of the HST:

- **@CynnamonS** Sadly yes. I am dining out less
- **@BrittRiddell** YES! I am realizing that my $4something latte has become a $5something latte and that I can no longer justify @Starbucks
- **@Beckycaissie** Nope. The only time I think about HST is when I see it on the news
- **@hairbykatierose** I used to tip 20% on my total after tax. Now I look at the subtotal!
- **@crease222** I was paying $10.25 Monday-Friday for Starbucks. When the tax went up 13 cents a cup I switched to free coffee at work

News in brief

Wave of break-ins in Abbotsford

CRIME. Police said there were 33 break-and-enters in Abbotsford last week. Const. Ian MacDonald said he was concerned that witnesses are not reporting the crimes.

VANESSA YEE

Teen to stay in custody

ROBBERY. A 12-year-old Nanaimo boy with more than 100 "interactions" with police will remain in custody after his court case was adjourned. The boy is facing attempted robbery charges.

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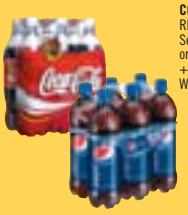

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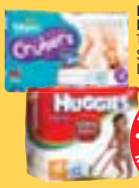

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Hornby bike route previewed online

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▶ A cyclist rides down Hornby Street.

Council to review bike lane proposal Consultation will continue until middle of the month

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Vancouver residents can get a sneak peek at a proposed separated bicycle lane along Hornby Street.

The city posted detailed block-to-block diagrams and images of the proposed route on its website on Thursday and announced a second open house to give people the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback.

Mayor Gregor Robertson said in a release the separated bike lane would help create a more complete and safe cycling network.

The diagrams illustrate how the bike route will impact traffic, parking and bus stops.

For example, the busy corner where Hornby intersects West Georgia shows parking has been removed along the side of the Hotel Vancouver to allow two through lanes, one turning lane and the bike lane that is separated by a row of flower boxes.

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The city says it will replace the 158 parking spaces affected on Hornby Street with 161 parking spots on Howe and Seymour streets.

The city, which has received more than 2,000 comments about the bike route, announced a second open house Wednesday at the Pacific Centre Mall rotunda.

GIVE THE VILLAGE A CHANCE

Opinion

DEREK MOSCATO

The recent passing of the Vancouver Olympics' six-month anniversary has given residents an opportunity to reflect on the successful legacies of the sporting spectacle.

It has also brought out the critics — many of whom have taken aim at the Olympic Village. The controversial $1.1-billion development should've been an easy sell due to its breathtaking waterfront location and attention to environmental design, but many units sit unsold. Taxpayers despise the cost to build the project — and point most recently to its $36-million community centre that sits mostly empty.

Despite the piling on, it would be unwise to say the Olympic Village is doomed to failure. Over two decades ago, another prominent city neighbourhood was borne of a major civic event: Expo 86.

The emerging but much-maligned area was Yaletown/False Creek North. The critics then pointed to empty residential towers financed by offshore dollars and little street-level activity or atmosphere.

But who's writing off that neighbourhood now?

The bottom line is that the Olympic Village — with its density potential, its central waterfront location, and its linkages to transit — will eventually thrive.

As for softening condo sales? Let the free market take care of that.

It may take a decade or more, but this village will live up to the gold standard that its name implies.

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▶ Alex Kostenko looks on as Colin Midgley of Maple Ridge tries some deep-fried butter at the PNE Thursday.

4 must-taste foods at the PNE

The PNE wouldn't be in its 100th year without its unusual and iconic assortment of food.

Where most fairs are about burgers and hotdogs, the PNE has gone further to find tastes for the sophisticated palate, according to spokeswoman Laura Balance.

"The PNE is the first fair in history that has reflected ethnicity within its city," said Balance.

Here are four concessions worth visiting this last summer vacation weekend. JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

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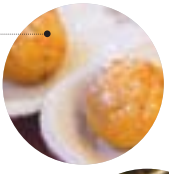
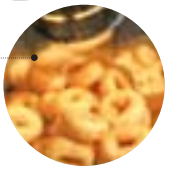


▶ Whipped butter and cream cheese wrapped in butter dough and topped with your choice of chocolate, raspberry or caramel.

THOSE LITTLE DONUTS



▶ Around since 1971, this is one of the PNE's most beloved treats. An average of three million mini donuts are dished out yearly.

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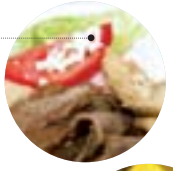
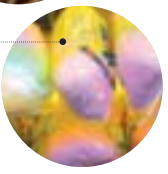
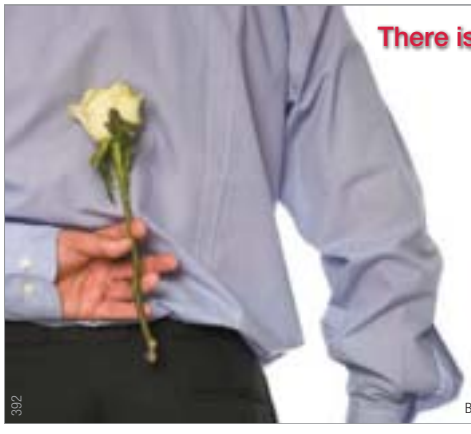


▶ A healthier option, this Mediterranean-style vendor makes gyros, falafels and spanakopitas from scratch.

J & J FOOD CONCESSIONS



▶ Guilt-free fact: A J & J bag of cotton candy is made with only two tablespoons of sugar.



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U.S. braces for Earl's wrath

North Carolina sets up shelters
Forecast models: First landfall most likely to be in Nova Scotia

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▶ People play in strong ocean waves in Atlantic City, N.J., as hurricane Earl headed toward the eastern coast Thursday.

The last ferry left for the mainland and coastal residents hunkered down at home as hurricane Earl closed in with 177 km/h winds Thursday on North Carolina's dangerously exposed Outer Banks, the first and potentially most destructive stop on the storm's projected journey up the Eastern Seaboard.

The first bands of heavy rain hit the long ribbon of barrier islands Thursday night. The downpours started in several bursts as the storm's so-called rain shield whirled into the southeasternmost tip of the Outer Banks.

Earl's arrival could mark the start of at least 24 hours of stormy, windy weather along the U.S. East Coast. During its march up the Atlantic, it could snarl travellers' Labour Day weekend plans and strike a second forceful blow to the vacation homes and cottages on Long Island, Nantucket Island and Cape Cod.

"This is the strongest hurricane to threaten the northeast and New England since hurricane Bob in 1991. They don't get storms this powerful very often."
DENNIS FELTGEN, METEOROLOGIST, NATIONAL HURRICANE CENTER

It was unclear exactly how close Earl's centre and its strongest winds would get to land.

As of Thursday afternoon the only evacuations ordered were on the Outer Banks, which sticks out into the Atlantic Ocean like the side-view mirror on a car, vulnerable to a sideswiping. About 35,000 tourists and residents were urged to leave.

Hundreds of the Outer Banks' more hardy residents gassed up their generators and planned to hunker down at home behind their boarded-up windows, even though officials warned them that it could be three days before they could expect any help and that storm surge could again slice through the islands. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

A familiar pattern

Earl weakened into a Category 2 storm with 105 km/h winds Thursday night. A slow winding down was expected to continue as the storm moved into cooler waters, but forecasters warned the size of the storm's wind field was increasing, similar to what happened with hurricane Katrina when it hit the Gulf Coast five years ago. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

God may not necessarily be necessary

Did creation need a creator?

British physicist and mathematician Stephen Hawking says no, arguing in his new book that there need not be a God behind the creation of the universe.

The concept is explored in The Grand Design, excerpts of which were printed in the British newspaper The Times on Thursday. The book, written with fellow physicist Leonard Mlodinow, is scheduled to be published by Bantam Press on Sept. 9.

The Grand Design, which the publishers call Hawking's first major work in nearly a decade, challenges Sir Isaac Newton's theory God must have been involved in creation because our solar system couldn't have come out of chaos simply through nature.

But Hawking says it isn't that simple. To understand the universe, it's necessary to know both how and why it behaves the way it does, calling the pursuit "the Ultimate Question of Life, the Universe, and Everything."

"We shall attempt to answer it in this book," he wrote. "Unlike the answer given in The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy, ours won't be simply '42.'"

The number 42 is the absurd answer to the "Ultimate Question" posed by sci-fi author Douglas Adams.

Hawking, who is renowned for his work on black holes, said the 1992 discovery of another planet orbiting a star other than the sun makes "the coincidences of our planetary conditions ... far less remarkable and far less compelling as evidence that the Earth was carefully designed just to please us human beings."

In his bestselling 1988 book A Brief History of Time, Hawking appeared to accept the possibility of a creator, saying the discovery of a complete theory would "be the ultimate triumph of human reason — for then we should know the mind of God." **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Plum positions

- Hawking retired last year as the Lucasian Chair of Mathematics at Cambridge University after 30 years in the position. The position was once held by Sir Isaac Newton.
- Hawking was also appointed to the position of distinguished research chair at Canada's leading scientific brain trust, the Perimeter Institute for Theoretical Physics.

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No spill from latest oil accident: Coast Guard

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▶ Boats spray water on an oil-and-gas platform that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico Thursday.

Platform located in shallower water than BP's Deepwater Horizon

An oil platform exploded and burned off the Louisiana coast Thursday, the second such disaster in the Gulf of Mexico in less than five months. This time, the Coast Guard said there was no leak, and no one was killed.

The Coast Guard initially reported that an oil sheen a mile long and 100 feet wide had begun to spread from the site of the blast, about 200 miles west of the source of BP's massive spill. But hours later, Coast Guard Cmdr. Cheri Benlesau said crews were unable to find any spill.

The platform's owner, Houston-based Mariner Energy, did not know what caused the explosion.

Mariner officials said there were seven active production wells on the platform, and they were shut down shortly before the fire broke out.

Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said the company told him the fire began in barrels of light oil condensate, but officials did not know yet what sparked it.

The Coast Guard said Mariner Energy reported the oil sheen. But the company said in a public statement that an initial flyover of the platform did not reveal any spilled oil.

Photos from the scene showed at least five ships floating near the platform. Three of them were shooting great plumes of water onto the machinery. Light smoke could be seen drifting across the deep blue waters of the gulf.

By late afternoon, the fire was out.

A homeland security update obtained by The Associated Press said the platform was producing 58,800 gallons of oil and 900,000 cubic feet of gas per day. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

3,400

There are about 3,400 platforms operating in the Gulf, according to the American Petroleum Institute. Together they pump about a third of America's domestic oil, forming the backbone of the country's petroleum industry.

Gunman's leftover bombs detonated

A fire chief says crews detonated four explosives linked to a gunman who took three hostages at Discovery Communications headquarters in Maryland.

Montgomery County fire chief Richard Bowers said Thursday that officials took the devices from a home. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stranded goats rescued from bridge

Two young goats that wandered onto the thin ledge of a railroad bridge and spent two days high above a highway were hungry but safe when they were plucked to safety with a towering crane.

The rescue occurred Wednesday.
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APRIL 20 SPILL

Crews open up oil well

Engineers have removed a temporary cap that in mid-July stopped oil from gushing into the Gulf of Mexico from BP's blown-out well.

More oil is not expected to leak into the sea, but crews are on standby with collection vessels just in case.

The cap was removed Thursday as a prelude to raising the piece of equipment underneath that failed to prevent the worst offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The government wants to replace the failed blowout preventer first to deal with any pressure that is caused when a relief well BP has been drilling intersects the blown-out well.

Once that occurs, BP is expected to use mud and cement to plug the blown-out well for good.
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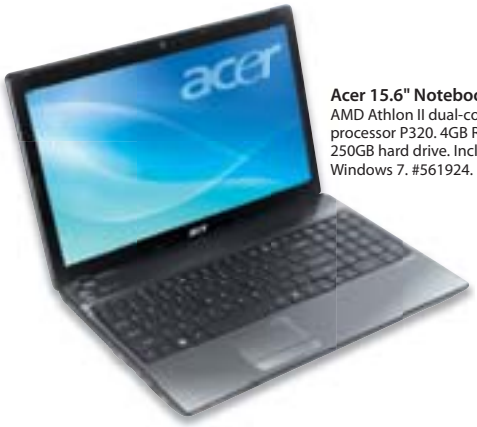

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Other people's money

DAVID DESCÔTEAUX

"$540,425,310,714!" Maude is sitting next to me. She's raising two young children, and wants to know Canada's federal debt. "It's climbing by $135 million a day," I tell her. "$1,560 per second!"

We've been stopped for five minutes. When I finish answering her question, the power goes, and darkness envelops the train.

"That's ridiculous! And our children are the ones who are going to be crushed by this debt?"

"Yes. Their share is more than $15,000 each. This means they'll have to pay higher taxes, and they'll receive fewer services like health care or student bursaries."

"Unbelievable! It's time for our elected officials to have an adult conversation about our public finances."

"I agree. But our politicians will never have that conversation. As economist Don Boudreaux once put it, adult conversations about money are mature and responsible, because adults earn and spend their own money. I also have two small children and their financial conversations are infantile and irresponsible. It's always, 'I want that toy!' or 'Let's go to McDonald's!' or 'Take me to Disneyland!' They demand these things constantly, which makes perfect sense: It's my girlfriend and I who are paying. Children have nothing to lose by playing this game. If their demands are met, someone else will be footing the bill.

"The conversations about public finances that politicians have with interest groups (unions, businesses, coalition X or Y, all of whom want their goodies) are infantile for the exact same reason: the money they spend isn't theirs. It's ours."

"And when they run out," Maude says, "they go see daddy and mommy to charge and tax them even more, is that it?"

"Exactly. And when the economy is rolling along nicely (for a whole slew of reasons), politicians try to take the credit. They're like kids at a pinball machine into which no coin has been inserted. They hammer away frantically at all of the buttons and think they're responsible for the bells and flashing lights. Children, I tell you."

"They're like kids at a pinball machine into which no coin has been inserted. They hammer away frantically at all of the buttons and think they're responsible for the bells and flashing lights."

The power comes back on, but it's still dark in the train. Five brief minutes, and we're $468,000 more in debt.

David Descôteaux is a freelance economic journalist and an associate researcher at the Montreal Economic Institute.

Contender steps into iPad's ring

Galaxy Tab is a third smaller than an iPad Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, 3G networks make it both smartphone and laptop

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The Galaxy Tab was showcased Thursday at the world's largest trade fair for consumer electronics in Berlin, Germany.

Samsung Electronics Co. on Thursday unveiled a new tablet PC named Galaxy Tab as the latest device meant to rival Apple's popular iPad.

The device offers users features such as mobile video conferencing and a video chat function, Samsung executive Thomas Richter said.

It "turns out to be a perfect speakerphone on the desk, or a mobile phone on the move via Bluetooth headset," Samsung said.

Richter said it comes with Google Inc.'s Android 2.2 operating system, which can run HTML5 and Adobe's Flash Player — unlike the iPad.

It also comes with two cameras, one digital camera on the back of the device, and a second camera on the front for video conferences — a feature the iPad lacks, but something Dell's Streak tablet PC offers. It also comes with Swype, which allows users to type on virtual keyboards by simply swiping fingers around from one letter to the next, lifting only between words. The application then uses an algorithm to determine the word that is intended, which the company says allows for typing speeds of more than 40 words per minute.

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BURGER KING BUYOUT

A whopper of a deal

Burger King Holdings Inc. sealed a deal Thursday to sell itself for $3.26 billion US to 3G Capital, an investment firm with strong ties to Latin America.

Chairman and CEO, John Chidsey, said the deal will help it expand more rapidly overseas.

Burger King struggled to keep up with its rival during the economic downturn.

Its biggest problem has been high unemployment among its most important, but notoriously fickle, group of customers — young men between 18 and 34, whom it has targeted with big burgers like the 930-calorie BK Quad Stacker and edgy ads featuring the creepy King character.

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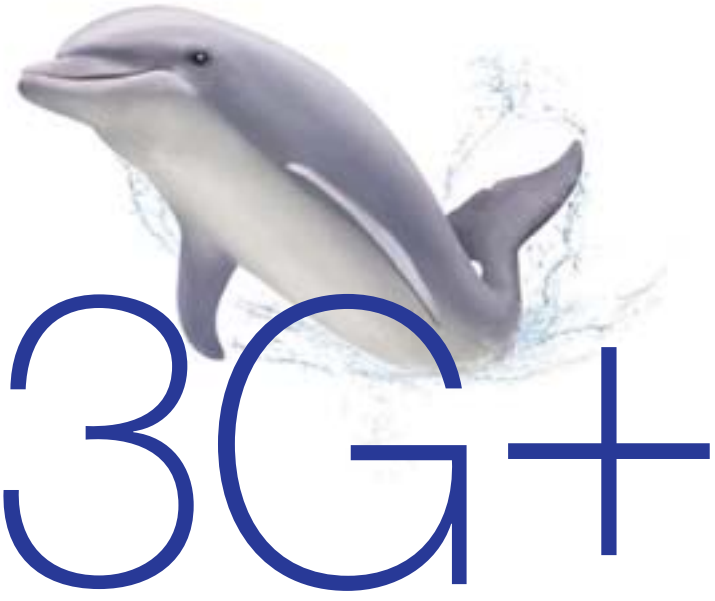

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5 MINUTES WITH: SEETHA BHAGAVATULA

Seetha Bhagavatula is a fifth-year cell biology and Asian studies student at UBC. She is also a former UBC MUG leader — My Undergraduate Group. If you're a freshman this year, you will want to read her survival tips.

What are some of the must-haves for new college and university students?

• Something to drink to keep you alert in class. Herbal teas or coffee are good.

• Snacks: Keep a bunch of snacks in your bags. Being in first year means you have unfortunate schedules. Make sure you have something to tide yourself over with.

• A laptop or recording device: Then you can record your notes and go over them later. If you're really tired in the morning, this can be a saviour.

• Comfortable shoes: You may get lost, you will have to run across campus, and you want to leave campus with the least amount of scratches and bruises.

• An agenda: Something you can write down important things and information with. Profs tell you really important things the first day.

What are some of the best places to grab a bite or drink on campus?

The Village is a great place (at the UBC campus). There's Chinese, Japanese, Indian, Mediterranean, everything. It's great if you're a poor university student. Some places will even deliver if you're studying late at night. The Pit Pub is a good place for both food and drinks, especially during hockey games. They have the best burgers. I've heard the Galley is also a great place for drinks. It's nice to go there when the Pit is too busy. For really cheap food on Friday evenings, you can visit the Deli in the SUB. The food is discounted later in the day and it's so good.

Where are some of the best places to meet the opposite sex?

Clubs are a great way to meet people. You'll find someone who shares interests with you. A lot of my friends met people at the UBC Dance Club. Also, the bus is a good place. You may end up seeing them over and over again so look good!

Anything I should do this weekend to prepare?

Don't do anything academic. You may end up taking some courses or exams the next few summers, so enjoy what you can now.

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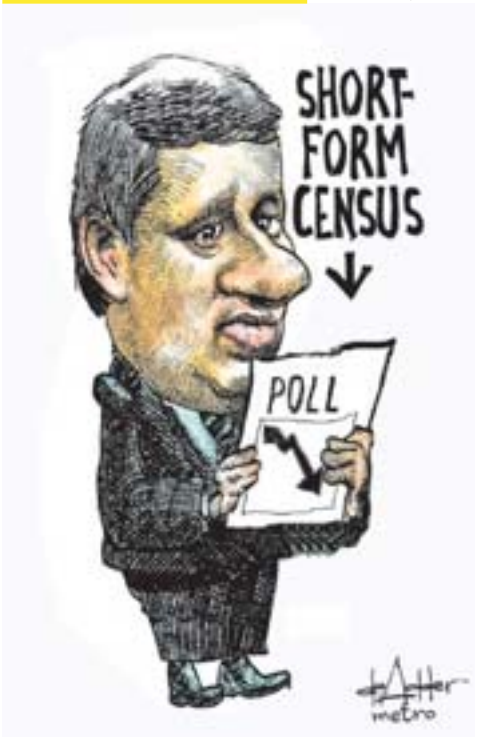

Take your act elsewhere

Letters & Tweets

Re: Palin invited to speak in city (Sept. 2)

VANCOUVER. Who in their right mind in Canada would pay to see or hear Sarah Palin speak? The woman is a right-wing nut. I sure hope nobody buys tickets. In this country we have more sense than this, and we can't see Russia from our kitchen window.

JULIA MIRANDA

VANCOUVER. The Bon Mot Book Club invited (Sarah) Palin "to challenge people's minds?" Where do they think a room full of six-year-olds is going to come up with $500 apiece? Come to think of it, why would they want to participate in such an unfair fight?

STEVE WADE

We asked: What's your quirkiest habit?

VANCOUVER. @bengregory: I twirl my fork when I eat. My fiancée does also! Love at first twirl!

VANCOUVER. @sharzy (in response to @bengregory) LOL Too funny, and TRUE!

We asked: What's better: Summer or winter?

VANCOUVER. @MattVanDeventer: Winter is way better because it's easier to stay warm than it is to keep cool. Summer is for kids, winter is for men.

I spy with my little eye ... Russia

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Metro Minute with various events

As summer winds down so do a number of events around Vancouver. Pick your favourites and get out there this long weekend.

Summer night concerts are on, as are the Superdogs, before the 100th Fair at the PNE ends Monday with a Kaboom — the nightly fireworks show.

Looking to cool down and lounge by the water? The Second Beach Pool closes Monday.

Or if it's culture you would rather soak up, head to the Vancouver Art Gallery for The Modern Woman exhibit. Or check out the Science World summer exhibit Treasure! — both end Monday as well.

JENNIFER O'CALLAGHAN

Three days to play

WHAT'S ON YOUR "MUST-DO LIST" BEFORE THE END OF SUMMER?

Sheryl Henderson
VANCOUVER
I want to take sailing lessons. Definitely. Because I've got a coupon and I've never done it before.

Ziad Ramley
VANCOUVER
I want to bike the (Stanley Park) seawall. I haven't done it in years and I really want to try it out again.

- Original Resident Evil director Paul W.S. Anderson returns for fourth installment
- Anderson and series star Jovovich make it a family business
- Clones, zombies and plenty of over-the-top action scenes all in 3-D

▶ Mila Jovovich stars as Alice in Resident Evil: Afterlife which opens next Friday.

Evil gets sent to the Afterlife

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Eight years ago, filmmaker Paul W.S. Anderson resurrected the dead with his slick, sexy, violent adaptation of the hot Capcom videogame Resident Evil, making a killing at the box office and spawning two Anderson penned and produced sequels.

Charting the rise, fall and rise again of the evil Umbrella empire, the series follows the sexy Alice (Mila Jovovich) as she battles the unstoppable zombie making "T-Virus" and the freakish corporate-created creatures that walk, run and slither among them.

Now, after surrendering final cut on the last two pictures, Anderson returns to the directorial folds with the hotly anticipated Resident Evil: Afterlife, the fourth and most over-the-top entry in the series and the first to be shot in 3-D. More importantly, Anderson is returning to direct his wife and the mother of his child. That's right, after falling in love on the set of the first Evil, Jovovich and Anderson tied the knot.

"Obviously, the Resident Evil world is a huge part of our daily lives," says the lovely actress.

"We constantly bat ideas back and for the and let's just say that draft one will never be seen by anyone. It got a lot of boiling water from his wife."

Afterlife finds the now scientifically altered Alice still wandering the earth, trying to rescue pockets of human survivors from the flesh hungry hordes of the living dead while trying to evade the wrath of the power mad Umbrella Corporation and an army of her own clones in a series of stunning, state of the art action sequences.

"The clones are all me," Jovovich says.

"I play each and every one of them. I told the producers that they should actually pay me by clone as it's incredibly dif-

Toronto ties

Resident Evil: Afterlife was lensed in Toronto and features many familiar faces like Kim Coates (Silent Hill) and Shawn Roberts (Diary of the Dead) in central roles. The second installment in the franchise, Resident Evil: Apocalypse was also shot in the GTA and featured a climax where Jovovich runs down the side of an exploding Toronto City Hall.

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News in brief

The former television producer who tried to blackmail David Letterman over the comedian's office affairs was freed from jail Thursday, city Correction Department records show.

Robert "Joe" Halderman served four months of his six-month sentence in the case, which exposed Letterman's personal life to public scrutiny.

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▶ Actors Olivia Wilde, Garrett Hedlund, Jeff Bridges and Bruce Boxleitner pose at the Tron: Legacy panel during Comic-Con 2010 on July 22, 2010 in San Diego, Calif.

Original Tron excited for sequel

27 years after original was all but ignored by public and critics hype keeps growing for Tron: Legacy

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Geeks filled the Metro Convention Centre last weekend for FanExpo 2010, a Canuck Comic-Con honouring comic books, sci-fi, horror, and anime.

One of the highlights was a special presentation of early footage from the upcoming blockbuster sequel Tron: Legacy to a packed house of giddy fanboys. The original Tron himself, Bruce Boxleitner was on hand to introduce the footage and chatted with Metro about the impact of his cult classic and the highly anticipated sequel.

"Tron was an acting job that I damn near turned down because I didn't understand it," laughed the actor. "I saw some early test footage and was so impressed that I had to do it. We thought it would be a big hit, but I guess that took a while."

Audiences didn't know what to make of the techno adventure in 1982. Video games and computers weren't exactly mainstream at the time, but as they took over our culture the film developed a loyal audience.

"The reaction then and now are as different as night and day," admitted Boxleitner.

"It happened slowly. I've done sci-fi conventions for Babylon 5 for a while now and about 10-15 years ago I started to sign Tron memorabilia. I've signed betamaxes, VHS tapes, laser discs, and DVDs. The popularity has grown right along with the technology over the years and no matter what I go out to promote, everyone wants to talk about Tron."

The popularity has grown substantially enough for a sequel to be produced a shocking 27 years after the original.

"That's what I think is the real story," said Boxleitner. "They take maybe a year off between Harry Potter movies, but to return after 27 years? That's pretty special."

The sequel seems to be designed for the ever-growing cult of Tron and while the fans are excited, it's tough to say how it will play with general audiences.

"That's going to be the question," admitted the actor. "I think it's permeated the culture enough that most people know Tron now and the technology is more accessible. But who knows? I'm excited to find out."

"I didn't miss the tights and that damn belt on this one and I'm glad that I didn't have to wear the new Tron suits either. The suits actually have built in lights this time and apparently there was some short-circuiting going on. If you sweated too much inside, you'd get shocked and I guess it happened to (lead actor Garrett Hedlund) a bunch of times"
BRUCE BOXLEITNER, ON THE TRON SUITS

Extra injured in Transformers shoot

Indiana State Police say an extra at a Transformers 3 production site was seriously injured during the filming of a stunt.

Authorities say the Transformers 3 crew was filming late Wednesday in the Chicago suburb of Hammond, Ind., using several vehicles and drivers. Police say something went wrong and an object went through the windshield of a car, hitting the driver.

In a statement, police said the vehicle kept going for a mile before stopping.

Police did not release the driver's name. The person was airlifted to a hospital.

Transformers 3 crews have been filming in the Chicago area all summer.

The movie stars Shia LaBeouf, Patrick Dempsey, Frances McDormand, John Malkovich and model Rosie Huntington-Whiteley. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

In Focus

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ASSASSINS COME IN ALL SHAPES & SIZES

There are many types of movies about people who deal in death to make a living. There's the cold blooded killer story, the revenge drama and even comedic takes on killing for fun and profit. Assassins can be men, women, children and even robots. In this week's The American George Clooney plays another kind of murder engineer, the troubled, introspective assassin. There are as many kinds of cinematic killers as there are kinds of weapons for them to use. Here's a look back at the philosophies of some of the screen's most memorable death merchants.

Charles Bronson, as the skilled slayer in The Mechanic (soon to be remade with Jason Statham and Ben Foster), teaches his young protégé, played by Jan-Michael Vincent, some basic hitman lessons. "Murder is only killing without a license," he says, adding that when you shoot someone do it right. "You always have to be dead sure. Dead sure or dead."

That's key killer advice, but slow down, there is a progression to becoming a hitman. In The Professional Leon (Jean Reno) details the system. "The rifle is the first weapon you learn how to use," he says, "because it lets you keep your distance from the client. The closer you get to being a pro, the closer you can get to the client. The knife, for example, is the last thing you learn."

▶ In The American George Clooney adds to the long line of Hollywood hitmen.

Along the way movie assassins also learn that relationships are verboten. Remember what happened to Mr. and Mrs. Smith (Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie)? "Your aim's as bad as your cooking sweetheart," taunts John to Jane, "and that's saying something!" Day of the Jackal's would-be Charles de Gaulle assassin (Edward Fox) adds, "In this work you simply can't afford to be emotional," although sometimes feelings inevitably get in the way. Just ask Prizzi's Honor's Charley Partanna (Jack Nicholson) who memorably said, "Do I ice her? Do I marry her?"

Once they've learned the ropes, one question remains: Why do movie assassins kill?

Max Von Sydow plays one of the great movie killers in Three Days of the Condor, Sydney Lumet's classic story of conspiracies and murder. His reasoning for doing what he does is chillingly simple. "The fact is, what I do is not a bad occupation," he says. "Someone is always willing to pay." The Matador's Julian Noble (Pierce Brosnan) agrees, "My business is my pleasure," he said.

What happens when Internet fame fades

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"Jack Rebney is like a jazz musician with his swear words, he uses them so eloquently," laughs producer/director Ben Steinbauer about the subject of his latest documentary Winnebago Man.

Steinbauer doesn't jest. 80 year-old Jack Rebney gives the term "coarse language" new meaning. He's one of the world's most popular anti-celebrities thanks to a leaked series of expletive-laden snippets culled from an industry video he starred in for an R/V company some 20 years ago. In these deleted clips, the camera captures Rebney's worst possible day: forgotten lines, pesky flies and an endless stream of cursing that would make a sailor blush.

Over the years, VHS copies of said outtakes generated a cult following around the globe, eventually earning Rebney the epithets "Winnebago Man" and "The Angriest Man On Earth." With the advent of internet video, Rebney's tirades became one of the world's most-watched viral clips, prodding Steinbauer to track down the inadvertent celebrity.

During the film, Steinbauer relates his infatuation with the bootleg cassette, his hunt for Rebney — who was living reclusively in a Northern California cabin entirely unaware of his infamy — and the eventual realization that Rebney earned renown as an eccentric, hot-tempered sort for a reason.

The movie shows how life makes some odd twists and turns; pushes realization that time doesn't always forget. Yet why would a self-proclaimed hermit agree to be subjected to such scrutiny?

"Authenticity," Rebney waxes poetically. "Films today are vicious. It's de rigeur to hurt other people. I'm not hurting anybody. It's just me saying, 'God, am I f**king this up.' When people saw the film, some were laughing, some were crying. Many said they felt like they really knew me. That's what made it worth it to me."

By the numbers

- **Years Winnebago Man** has been circulating underground: 21
- **Year Ben Steinbauer** first saw it: 2001
- **Hours of fresh** Rebney footage Steinbauer shot: Less than 100

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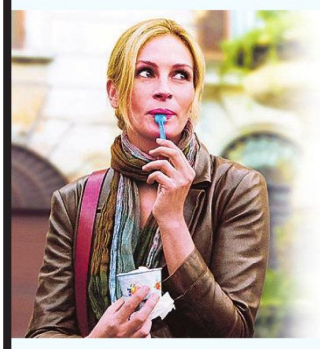

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Distance falls short

Going The Distance
Genre: Comedy
Director: Nanette Burstein
Stars: Drew Barrymore, Justin Long, Charlie Day
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Going The Distance desperately wants to be an R-rated romantic/comedy like Knocked Up or There's Something About Mary that appeals equally to both sexes (swears n' gross outs for the boys and love for the girls).

Unfortunately it's weighed down by far too much studio calculation to fool audiences. The R-rated gags seem forced and the relationship drama is little more than a collection of clichés. Even the casting of real life couple Drew Barrymore and Justin Long feels like a cold marketing ploy.

The plot revolves around Barrymore and Long who fall in love in New York one summer, but are in a cross-country relationship by the fall. Oh, how painful long distance relationships can be!

Admittedly, the supporting roles are filled with talented comedic actors who clearly improvised some great gags like Christina Applegate, Jason Sudeikis, Jim Gaffigan, and Charlie Day. The problem is that any time the filmmakers lose the supporting players to focus on the main plot, the laughs screech to a halt.

There are some funny things going on in Going The Distance, but they're sadly limited to the peripheries while Barrymore and Long trudge through the boring rom-com motions in the foreground.

● PHIL BROWN

Machete
Genre: Action
Directors: Robert Rodriguez and Ethan Maniquis
Stars: Danny Trejo, Robert DeNiro, Steven Seagal
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Machete is your typical movie about a day-labourer/assassin/ex-federale forced to kill a corrupt senator hell-bent on shutting down the U.S./Mexican border with all of the machine guns, explosions, nudity, and acrobatic disembowelings that implies. Cheap thrills, exploitation, and bad taste are the key ingredients in this campy cocktail and it delivers the goods. If nothing else, this is probably the only time that Steven Seagal and Robert DeNiro will share a marquee, which may or may not be a good thing.

Writer/director Robert Rodriguez has made a career out of balls-to-the-wall dirty fun flicks (plus the occasional Spy Kids movie) and this feature length expansion of his Grindhouse trailer is one of his most entertaining diversions to date. Long-time silent heavy Danny Trejo proves to be an effective action hero, while the likes of Cheech Marin, Michelle Rodriguez, and Tom Savini kill in supporting roles. Sure, it drags on too long and the halfhearted attempts at illegal immigration commentary get grating, but the beauty of a deliberately cheesy movie is that the flaws feel like part of the style. Machete has the trash movie irony that The Expendables lacked and it's inevitably smaller audience will cackle with delight at every lovingly gratuitous scene.

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The Other Guys (14A) Fri 5-7:10-9:15 Sat-Sun 2:45-5-7:10-9:15 Mon-Tue 5-7:10-9:15
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Vampires Suck (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:05-6:50-9:30

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220-6200 McKay Ave., 604-434-7711

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Toy Story 3 (G) Fri 4:05 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05 Mon-Thu 4:05
The Twilight Saga: Eclipse (PG) Fri-Thu 7:05-10:05

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SILVERCITY COQUITLAM
170 Schoolhouse Street, 604-523-2911

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SURREY/WHITE ROCK/LANGLEY

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Despicable Me (G) Fri-Thu 1:30
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10
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HOLLYWOOD 3 CINEMA
7125-138th Street, Surrey, 604-592-4441

Cats & Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore (G) Fri-Thu 1:50
Despicable Me (G) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:30
Dinner for Schmucks (PG) Fri-Thu 5:20-9:20
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Scott Pilgrim vs. the World (PG) Fri-Thu 12-4:30-8:50
The Sorcerer's Apprentice (PG) Fri-Thu 4:30-8:50
Toy Story 3 (G) Fri-Thu 12-2:15-6:45

STRAWBERRY HILL GRANDE
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STUDIO 12 GUILDFORD
15051-101st Ave, Surrey, 604-581-1176

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Vampires Suck (PG) Stadium Seating, Dolby Stereo Digital Fri-Thu 1:50-4:05-7:05-9:40

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Eat Pray Love (PG) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 2-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35
The Switch (PG) Fri 7:10-9:05 Sat-Sun 2:10-7:10-9:05 Mon-Thu 7:10-9:05

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2381 King George Highway, 604-531-7456, criterontheatres.com

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COLOSSUS LANGLEY
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TWILIGHT DRIVE-IN
260th Street & Fraser Highway, Langley, 604-856-5063

The Expendables (18A) Fri-Thu 10:40
Killers (PG) Fri-Sat 12:30
The Switch (PG) Fri-Thu 8:45

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Buddha Never Taught

Books
Tim Ward's book about his experiences leaving Canada and travelling on a six- year journey to the abbeys of Southeast Asia to join Buddhist monks is celebrating its 20th anniversary with a new edition. The book is full of colourful characters, buzzing mosquitoes, humour and insight.

Roots Tuff Skin

Tech
Now your iPhone can get the iconic Canadian treatment — and protection — it deserves.

Roots has teamed up with Tuff Skin to produce a rubber case and carrying holster that proudly features a maple leaf.

The case is made out of a silicon rubber and is designed for easy gripping.

Score: A Hockey Musical

Film
Looks like everyone wants to score this fall. The movie-musical, which stars a bevy of well-known Canucks — Nelly Furtado, hockey dad Walter Gretzky — and Olivia Newton John, is opening five film festivals across the country, including those in Toronto, Halifax, Edmonton and Cal

Awesome Things

Internet
Stopping to smell the roses is so clichéd. Instead, head to this award-winning blog by Neil Pasricha. Among the little things in life you should remember? Being able to pass off your own fart as your dog's, and taking off plastic wrap without getting it stuck to itself.
1000awesomethings.com

Metro pick

▶ Modern Family was a big winner at the Emmy Awards this week.

Modern Family

Awards
This comedy romp has been causing chuckles on the small screen for the last few months, and the Emmy Awards took notice, honouring the series with a number of awards, including best comedy, an acting award and best writing.

The Vampire Diaries

TV
The first season of Vampire Diaries — that brooding show full of bloodlust and romance — is now available on DVD. Watch vamp-bros Stefan and Damon battle it out in the fictional town of Mystic Falls, VA. The Blu-ray and DVD includes eight hours of bonus features, including four featurettes.

MacGruber

DVD
You can now take home this movie featuring Will Forte's handy SNL character. Kristen Wiig and Ryan Phillipe are along for the ride as MacGruber is called out of retirement to take down his archenemy.

Mix of Six

Television: Meet the cast of the Deadliest Catch — a show about the real-life adventures of five Alaskan King Crabbing boats — at the Red Robinson Show Theatre on Saturday. Expect to be captivated by some of their wild adventures and view never-before seen stories. Get tickets at ticketmaster.ca.

Culture: Enjoy a weekend of culture and music at the Squamish Music Fest this Saturday and Sunday at Logger Sports Grounds. There will be more than 40 international and local bands and performances including Bad Religion. Purchase your tickets at clubzone.com/liveatsquamish.

Festival: Take time to visit TAIWANfest this weekend from Saturday to Monday at various locations around the city — the main stage is at the Vancouver Art Gallery Plaza. Enjoy a variety of cultural, culinary, and musical events. For more information visit Taiwanfest.ca.

Music: Girls can have some fun with Cyndi Lauper this Friday at the PNE. Indulge yourself in a nostalgic evening at the fair's final weekend. This performance is part of Lauper's Memphis Blues tour promoting her newly released album, Memphis Blues.

Event: Film and rock 'n' roll are part of a fundraiser this Saturday for the locally-made documentary, No Fun City. The event, held at the Rickshaw Theatre, will help fund screening of the doc at various film festivals in Canada and overseas. Info at nofuncity.org.

Sports Check out some extreme competition this Sunday at the la Terra Xterra Canadian National Championships in Whistler. Participants will be pushed to their limit for $10,000 as they swim, trail run and mountain bike. Visit xterracanada.ca for more information.

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Is Ashton stepping out on Demi Moore?

Star magazine reporting former Punk'd star was seen kissing a woman

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Ashton Kutcher

Ashton Kutcher, who has been married to Demi Moore for five years, was allegedly spotted getting frisky with a mystery blonde at an Italian restaurant in Los Angeles, according to Star magazine.

"Ashton had this gorgeous girl pinned against the wall, and he was totally making out with her," a source tells the magazine.

"I was shocked to see him sucking face with a girl who obviously wasn't Demi."

"I think Star magazine calling me a 'cheater' qualifies as defamation"
ASHTON KUTCHER, VIA TWITTER

Kutcher has been quick to address the rumors.

"I think Star magazine calling me a 'cheater' qualifies as defamation of character," the actor posted on his Twitter account.

"I hope my lawyer agrees."

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Talking points

Celine denies tabloid report

AT LEAST SHE'S NOT DENYING HER PREGNANCY LIKE SOME PEOPLE...WE'RE LOOKING AT YOU MARIAH Celine Dion doesn't appreciate a recent French tabloid report that she was rushed to the hospital because of complications with her pregnancy.

"She's never been in the hospital. Her pregnancy continues to be healthy and she feels fantastic," her rep tells People magazine.

Dion is expecting to give birth to twins in November.

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No dancing shoes for some

NO REAL SURPRISE AS THOSE OTHER STARS HAVE ACTUAL JOBS The cast for the new season of Dancing with the Stars is set, topped by David Hasselhoff, Bristol Palin and Jersey Shore star the Situation.

But what's even more interesting is who said no to the reality show. Sylvester Stallone, Richard Branson, Joel McHale and Condoleezza Rice were all offered spots but passed, according to the Hollywood Reporter.

"People say no for a variety of reasons," executive producer Conrad Green says.

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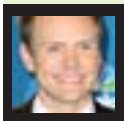
Celebrity tweets

Ashton Kutcher [@aplusk] STAR magazine — you don't get to stand behind "freedom of the press" when you are writing fiction.

Sam Ronson [@samantharonson] Damn- have you guys heard of this Justin Bieber kid? Keep an eye out... he can bowl and play basketball and dance. He might have a future!

Lily Allen [@lilyroseallen] Very glad that today is over. So tired I'm gonna go bed without brushing my teeth.



Joel McHale [@joelmchale] A Question that's been bugging me since I was a kid. I would b gr8ful if I could get the real truth: Did Pop Rocks actually blow up a dog?

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Spicy burrito

▶ Check out this recipe from Associated Press Food Editor J.M. Hirsch's book High Flavor, Low Labor: Reinventing Weeknight Cooking

Ingredients :

- 4 slices bacon, cut into 2.5 cm pieces
- 1 small onion, diced
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 2 precooked spicy chicken sausages, cut
- 5 ml smoked paprika
- 250 ml long-grain white rice
- 500 ml chicken broth
- 460 ml can black beans, drained
- 250 ml jarred tomatillo salsa
- Salt and ground black pepper, to taste
- 4 burrito flour tortillas
- 125 ml chopped fresh cilantro
- 250 ml shredded cheddar cheese
- 250 ml sour cream

Preparation:

1. In a medium saucepan over medium-high heat, cook the bacon for 2 minutes. Add the onion, garlic, sausages and smoked paprika. Saute for 3 minutes.
2. Add the rice and cook, stirring constantly, for another 30 seconds. Add the broth and beans, stir well, and bring to a boil. Cover the pan, reduce the heat to simmer, and cook for 15 minutes.
3. Remove the saucepan from the heat and let cool for 5 minutes. Mix in the salsa, then season with salt and pepper.
4. Microwave the tortillas for about 15 seconds to soften them. Divide the rice and beans mixture among the tortillas, then top each with chopped cilantro, cheddar cheese, and sour cream.

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Get more flavour with less labour

Weeknight cooking is no time for nuance
But that doesn't mean it can't be tasty

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▶ This spicy black bean, sausage and rice burrito is full of flavour and easy enough for a weeknight meal. See recipe at left.

Weeknight meals must cut through the clutter of weekday chaos. And they must do it quickly and without fuss, mess, or toil.

It's a simple premise. Let high-flavour ingredients do most of the work. Foods that taste great going into the pot need less work from you to taste great when they come out. Ingredients such as Parmesan cheeses, balsamic vinegars, jalapenos, chorizos and wasabis of the world.

In the cookbook, High Flavor, Low Labor: Reinventing Weeknight Cooking by Associated Press Food Editor J.M. Hirsch (to be released Sept. 7) ease and flavour rule. Because bland foods just don't satisfy.

"I'm not big on fancy techniques. I'm not a chef and I've never worked in a restaurant. I'm just a working dad who loves good food and won't sacrifice eating well just because I have a crazy life," he says.

Here are some of his favourite high-flavour ingredients. All are easy to get and even easier to use.

Citrus juice and zest:
Citrus effortlessly brightens and sharpens flavours. The juices are best in marinades, dressings, sauces, even soups (try a splash in chicken and tomato soups). The zest is great in baked goods, sauces, and sautes (add it to a saute of kale with garlic and grated Parmesan cheese).

Ginger:
Fresh ginger (sold as a funky brown root in the produce section) has a peppery sweet flavour and is essential to Asian cooking. Also try it grated over steamed and buttered potatoes or mixed into a vinaigrette. The best place to store fresh ginger is the freezer. It keep for months.

Salt:
Many foods — even sweets — simply taste flat without a pinch of salt. It doesn't take much, and it doesn't take the pricey gourmet stuff. The best bet is kosher salt, which is inexpensive and easy to pinch. Keep a bowl of it next to the stove.

Wine:
It's all about getting sauced. Or is that making sauce? Whichever, wine is great for deglazing pans.

Hot Sauce:
This is my secret ingredient in hummus and cheese sauces. Just a dash brightens the other flavours without adding significant heat.

Anchovies:
Anchovies are incredibly savoury, inexpensive and easy to use. Best yet, you don't need to eat them whole to appreciate them. Place a few in a hot pan and stir around; they will melt into a flavourful paste.

Balsamic Vinegar
A good balsamic can be breathtaking. It has an intensely sweet and mouth-puckering flavour that is awesome drizzled with olive oil onto a salad. It makes a great dipping sauce for chunks of Parmesan cheese and dark chocolate. When it comes to red sauce, it can make the difference between so-so and superb. For a great dessert sauce (over shortcake, angel food cake and cheesecake) simmer equal parts chopped fresh strawberries and balsamic vinegar until reduced and thick. For most cooking purposes, inexpensive varieties are fine. For dipping, consider splurging on the aged stuff.

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Cinnamon

Sweet and svoury

Cinnamon makes us think of sweets and baked goods in Canada and the United States. In the rest of the world, it's a savoury seasoning that shows up in meat rubs, vegetable stews and curries, as well as sprinkled over grains, such as couscous. And with good reason. Cinnamon imparts a mellow, delicious warmth and aroma. Try a little in your next batch of chili. Or combine it with garlic powder, cumin and salt for an awesome steak or chicken rub.

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Holiday weekend calls for brown sugar glazed grilled pork chops.

Have a fruity Quesadilla

Fresh local pears, nectarines and plums anchor these fruit quesadillas enriched with cream cheese and jazzed up with pure maple syrup Mix and match fruits to create deliciously different combos

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Fruit Quesadillas.

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Fruit Quesadillas

Preparation:

1. In a small bowl, combine nectarine, pear, plums, brown sugar and cinnamon. In a separate bowl, combine cream cheese, maple syrup and orange rind.
2. Spread each tortilla with about 30 ml (2 tbsp) of the cheese mixture. Top 1 half of each with 125 ml (1/2 cup) fruit. Fold each tortilla over to cover filling and press down gently.
3. Cook in large non-stick skillet over medium-high heat for about 2 minutes on each side or until crispy and browned. Remove from heat and let stand for 1 minute. Cut each quesadilla into 4 wedges, sprinkle with icing sugar. Serve immediately. Makes 16 wedges.
4. Tips: To grill quesadillas, cook over medium-high heat for 1 1/2 to 2 minutes per side or until crispy and browned.

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Ingredients :

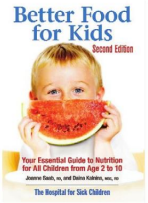
- 1 each nectarine and pear, ripe but firm (pitted, cored and diced)
- 2 plums, ripe but firm (pitted and diced)
- 30 ml packed brown sugar
- 1 ml cinnamon
- 125 g cream cheese, softened
- 15 ml pure maple syrup
- 5 ml grated orange rind
- 4 regular whole wheat or regular tortillas
- Icing sugar

Finally, a cookbook for the picky kids

Having trouble dealing with a picky eater?

"It is much easier when they are toddlers," says Joanne Saab, a dietitian at McMaster Children's Hospital in Hamilton, Ont., and a mother of twin girls. "We do ourselves a disservice by feeding children similar foods that they will like. Then when they say no to some food we don't continue giving it to them and that just reinforces picky behaviour."

This is just one dietary issue that she and her co-author Daina Kalnins tackle in the second edition of Better Food for Kids: Your Essential Guide to Nutrition for All Children from Age 2 to 10 (Robert Rose, $27.95, paperback). Kalnins is a pediatric nutrition researcher at the Hospital For Sick Children in Toronto.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The following recipe is one of 200 included in the book.

Tuna Veggie Wraps

Preparation:

1. In a bowl, combine tuna, mayonnaise, sour cream, relish and pepper.
2. Place a lettuce leaf on each tortilla. Top with tuna mixture, cucumber, carrot and avocado, if using. Fold up bottom of tortilla. Fold in sides and roll up.
3. Cut in half and wrap tightly in plastic wrap for lunch to go. Makes 4 servings.
4. Tip: You can substitute whole-grain pitas for tortillas or simply make sandwiches using whole grain bread or buns.

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Ingredients :

- 1 can (170 g) water-packed tuna, drained
- 30 ml light mayonnaise
- 15 ml light sour cream or plain yogurt
- 15 ml pickle relish
- Pinch freshly ground black pepper
- 2 leaves leaf lettuce
- 2 25 cm whole-wheat flour tortillas
- 75 ml sliced English cucumber
- 1/2 carrot, grated
- 1/2 avocado, thinly sliced (optional)

Leak looks toward Leos in first start

With Calvillo injured, former U.S. college star gets the call at QB for Als

LIONS

ALOUETTES

- **Time:** Friday, 4:30 p.m.
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It is time for former University of Florida star quarterback Chris Leak to show the CFL what he can do.

The 25-year-old gets his first start as a pro when he takes over for the injured Anthony Calvillo at quarterback when the 6-2 Montreal Alouettes play host to the struggling 1-7 B.C. Lions on Friday.

"We're excited to see Chris play," veteran offensive lineman Scott Flory said Thursday.

"He's got a great pedigree, he's a great guy, he has a great demeanour in the huddle and everything.

"We know his abilities. Everyone's just going to do their job around him and he'll do his."

Leak passed one test two weeks ago when Calvillo suffered a bruised sternum on a sack just before halftime against Winnipeg. Playing the entire second half, Leak threw one interception, but moved the ball consistently and helped Montreal to a 39-17 victory.

The Alouettes had a bye last week, which allowed extra time for Leak to get extra "reps" in practice to prepare for the Lions.

The Charlotte, N.C., native has dealt with pressure before, including a U.S. national championship game in which he led the Gators to victory over No. 1-ranked Ohio State in 2007.

"You rely on those memories of playing in big games, pressure situations and things like that," said Leak, a third-year Alouette. "But this is a new game."

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Desperation time?

- On paper, it is a game the desperate Lions ought to win, particularly against a team they usually play their best against.
- The pressure is on the Lions, who don't want to finish the first half of the season 1-8, with eight losses in a row.
- "I expect our defence to fly around and make some havoc and our offence to come out and execute right away," said Lions slotback Paris Jackson. "It's been some time since we've done that.
- "Talk is cheap," Jackson continued. "We've been saying it all year. We have to go out there and prove it."

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▶ QB Chris Leak of the Florida Gators celebrates after defeating the Ohio State Buckeyes in the 2007 Tostitos BCS National Championship Game. Now with the Alouettes, Leak will start in Friday's game against the Lions.

Federer reaches next round in straight sets

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Five-time champion Roger Federer has breezed into the third round at the U.S. Open, serving 15 aces in beating 104th-ranked Andreas Beck of Germany 6-3, 6-4, 6-3.

Beck double-faulted 11 times on Thursday to Federer's zero.

Federer has won 42 of his past 43 matches at Flushing Meadows, the only loss coming in last year's final. With Andy Roddick's exit in the second round, and Lleyton Hewitt's loss in the first, Federer is the only previous winner of the U.S. Open left in the men's field.

Federer is trying to become the first man in the Open era, which began in 1968, to win this tournament six times.

Beck has lost in the second round in New York the last four years.

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Sports in brief

Habs, Price make a deal

NHL. The Montreal Canadiens agreed to a two-year contract with Carey Price Thursday.

The team announced the $5.5-million US, two-year deal with the 23-year-old goaltender, who was a restricted free agent.

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Leftwich hurts knee

NFL. Pittsburgh Steelers quarterback Byron Leftwich, expected to start during Ben Roethlisberger's suspension, injured his left knee during the first half of an exhibition game against Carolina.

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Quoted

"I thought for me it would be really important to go to a really good team and also a really good organization. They really wanted me there, too. It wasn't too hard a decision after all."

FORMER BLACKHAWKS GOALIE ANTTI NIEMI, ON SIGNING WITH THE SHARKS THURSDAY.

"We liked our goaltending as of yesterday. We like it even more today."

SHARKS GENERAL MANAGER DOUG WILSON

Scan code for sports

‘Progress’ is the word

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▶ Spain’s Felipe Reyes drives to the basket Thursday in Izmir, Turkey. Spain beat Canada 89-67.

Canada ends world basketball tournament on losing note Official says there are positives to draw from

Canada wrapped up a disappointing performance at the FIBA world men’s basketball championships with a 89-67 loss Thursday to defending champion Spain.

But while the 19th-ranked Canadians went winless in their first appearance in the world championships in eight years, Wayne Parrish, Canada Basketball’s CEO and executive director, said he saw glimpses of a promising future for the young men’s squad.

“The 0-and-5 isn’t what we hoped for when we came here, but my sense is there are a number of positives to reflect upon,” Parrish told The Canadian Press.

“There were stretches today when Kelly Olynyk (19 years old) and Rob Sacre (21) were on the floor at the same time and were giving Spain some issues and some problems.

“We have to develop a pool of athletes where when a key guy is hurt or isn’t able to play, we need to have the depth where we can absorb that in a way that France and Spain and Lithuania do.”
WAYNE PARRISH, CANADA BASKETBALL’S CEO AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“My sense is we made progress.”

Olynyk, from Kamloops, led Canada with 14 points, while Toronto’s Jevohn Shepherd had 12. Miami Heat centre Joel Anthony of Montreal added six rebounds.

Rudy Fernandez and Fran Vasquez each had 19 points, while 19-year-old Ricky Rubio had eight points and eight assists for Spain, which raced out to a 28-17 lead after one quarter.

Parrish said the men’s program is just two years into an eight-year plan leading up to the 2016 Olympics, and fielded one of the youngest teams in Turkey with the least amount of international experience.

The Canadians played their third straight game without starting point guard Andy Rautins, son of coach Leo Rautins and the team’s leading scorer last summer.

The Knicks draft pick was sent back to New York to have his bruised knee examined ahead of training camp.

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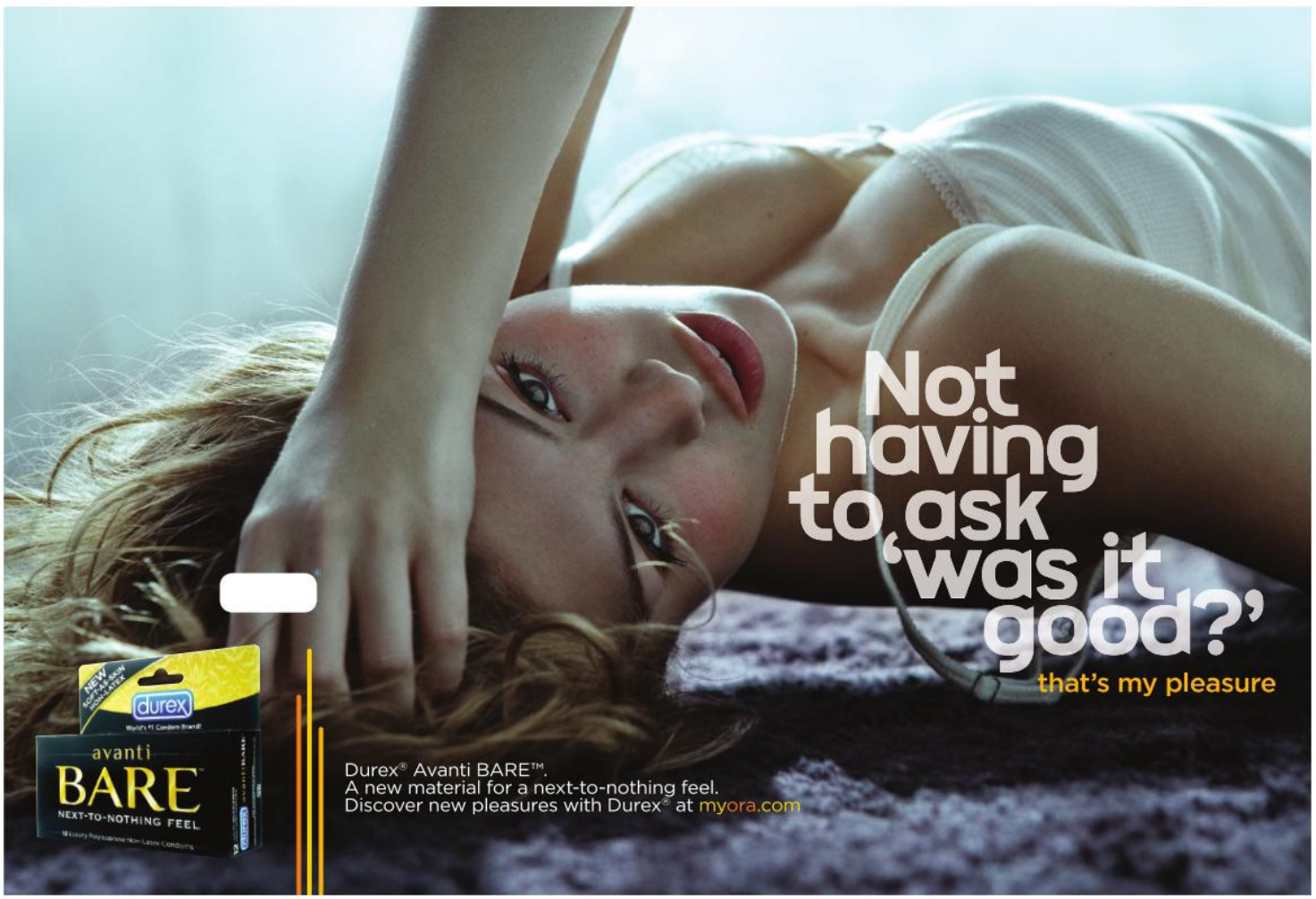

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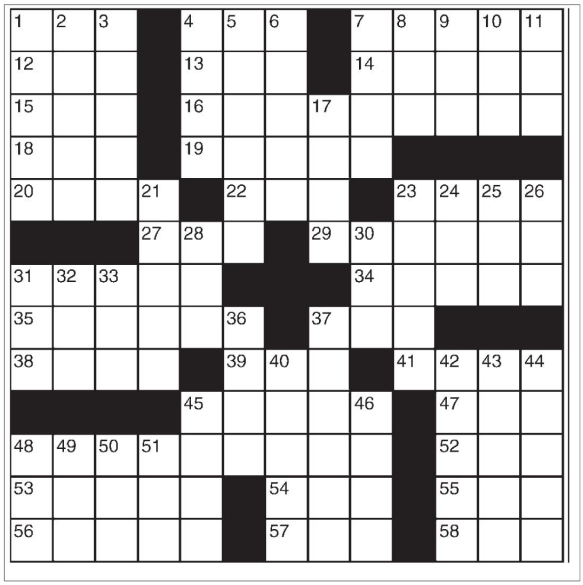

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4 Literary collection
7 Like a snake's eyes
12 Bud's buddy
13 Once around
14 Political debate subject
15 Under the weather
16 Chinese leader, 1911-12
18 — -relief
19 Curved moldings
20 Baghdad's land
22 Actor Linden
23 Hardy cabbage
27 Last (Abbr.)
29 Take a parking space
31 Bewildered
34 Napped leather
35 Charlatans
37 Encountered
38 Ilk
39 Bookkeeper (Abbr.)
41 Wild and crazy
45 Knitting stitches
47 "The way"
48 Drummer with The Who
52 Cologne label word
53 Bert's roomie
54 Lennon's lady
55 Performance
56 Veep who resigned in disgrace
57 A handful
58 Speedometer stat

Down

1 Excuse
2 — opposites
3 Oklahoma city
4 As well
5 Zero
6 Breathing problem
7 Prejudice
8 Part of i.e.
9 Fool
10 Payable
11 Longing
17 Shrill cry
21 Line
23 Hardly graceful one
24 Pub order
25 Cover
26 Chemical suffix
28 Young bloke
30 Work with
31 Sternward
32 Stab
33 Fool
36 Pond gunk
37 Karl or Moses of basketball
40 Irrefutable evidence
42 Top players
43 Civil rights org.
44 Adolescence
45 "That was close!"
46 Winter forecast
48 Mauna —
49 Work unit
50 B&B
51 Cravat

▶ Yesterday's answer

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Sudoku

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How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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ADP

Baby, I'm sorry it took me so long to realize what is real. Everything is the way it should be now. Thank you for loving me for so many years. I have so much love to give you and make up for the time we lost.
YOUR BABY XOX

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 You have some serious things to take care of today, so don't allow yourself to get sidetracked by anything that is not directly related to your goals.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Put your doubts and fears behind you. The planets promise that your successes will pay off in a big way, while your failures will be small and insignificant.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 As the Sun in your sign is close to Mercury today it's unlikely you will let your emotions get the better of you. However, as Mercury is moving retrograde it would be a mistake to rely entirely on reason. Listen to your inner voice too.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't impose restrictions on yourself. Go where you want to go and do what you want to do and don't worry in the slightest what others might say about it.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 Money matters of one sort or another will be on your mind today, but don't let them take over to the extent that you think about nothing else. Money is important but it's people who make the world go around.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 You will want to start something new today, but don't be in such a rush to get going that you overlook small but important details. Clarify your long-term aims.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 Today's link between the Sun and mind planet Mercury suggests you want to be alone with your thoughts for a while.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You seem to be having second thoughts about a belief or an outlook that has never troubled you in the past. Don't sweep it under the carpet and pretend it does not exist.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 You have what it takes to reach the top of your chosen profession, but sacrifices will have to be made. The more old things you can live without the more new things will come into your life over the next few days.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Because today's Sun-Mercury union falls in your fellow Earth sign of Virgo you will be crystal clear about your priorities, but are they the right priorities?

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You've got to be tough but fair, both with other people and with yourself. You won't need to stoop to underhand methods to reach your goals today but you might need to be ruthless.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Usually you don't have to tell loved ones how much they mean to you because your actions speak louder than words, but today you must spell it out for them. You can't say it too much. ● SALLY BROMPTON

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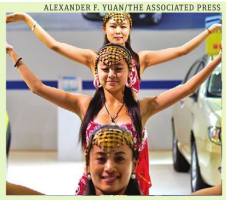

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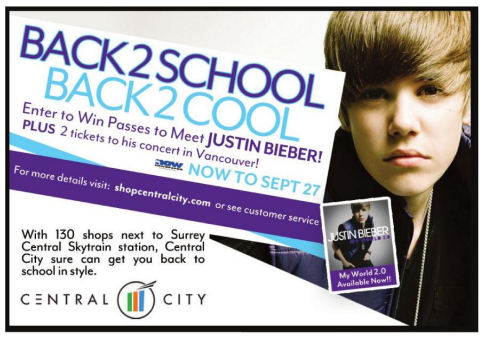
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